

Interstate 5/State Route 56

Interchange Project FACT SHEET



Improve freeway operations near the I-5/SR-56 area;

Reduce peak hour congestion on local streets;

Provide a road compatible with future transit options;

Minimize environmental impacts.



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IMPROVEMENTS ON THE WAY

The Interstate 5/State Route 56 Interchange Project proposes to improve the traffic operations on I-5 between Del Mar Heights Road and Carmel Valley Road, and on SR-56 between I-5 and Carmel Country Road. Project alternatives include improvements to local streets, the addition of auxiliary lanes along I-5 and SR-56, interchange improvements, or southbound-to-eastbound and westbound-to-northbound freeway connector ramps.

MAKING PROGRESS

A Draft Environmental Document is expected to be available for public review in winter 2011. The Project Report /Environmental Document phase will build on the previous studies while exploring new solutions. A Value Analysis Report was completed in May 2002. This study involved community representatives and agency staff from the city of San Diego, Caltrans, and the San Diego Association of Governments. A Project Study Report was completed by Caltrans in December 2000. That document discussed a Freeway Connectors alternative, a Local Streets alternative, and the No Build alternative.

PROJECT CONTRIBUTORS

About \$15.8 million has been programmed for the I-5/SR-56 Interchange Project. Funding for the Project Report and Environmental Document come from a combination of federal sources and city of San Diego funds. Federal funding sources include Coordinated Borders Infrastructure, Federal High Priority Demonstration, and Surface Transportation dollars. Design and construction costs for the project would be dependent on completion of the Project Report/Environmental Document phase.

